

DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI PEDESTRIAN TASK FORCE

TASK FORCE GOALS



- Transform Court Street, between Vine and Walnut streets into a vibrant and pedestrian-oriented civic space that can support programming and help adjacent businesses
- Transform Vine (south of Central Parkway), Eighth and Ninth streets into a vibrant and safe office, retail and residential corridor by converting to twoway streets

TASK FORCE MEMBERS



- Roxanne Qualls, Chair
- James Noyes, Hamilton County
- Brandy Del Favero, 3CDC
- Scott Knox, Scott Knox Attorneys at Law
- Jenifer Moore, AAA
- Sue Byrom, Downtown Residents Council
- John Hautz, HJH Realty
- John Brazina, DOTE
- Derek Bauman, Cincinnati NAACP

- Jon Harmon, representing City Council
- Dan Neyer, Neyer Properties
- Paula Brehm-Heeger, Public Library
- John Yung, Urban Fast Forward
- Pamela Tierney, Dick Waller's ArtPlace
- Steve Kenat, GBBN Architects
- Patrick Daffin, Property Owner
- Lindsey Florea, representing the City Manage
- Nick Hodge, Kroger

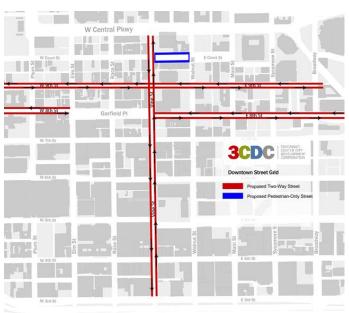
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS



- Form a connection between Fountain Square and OTR along Vine Street, addressing current 'dead zone' from 6th Street to Central Parkway
- Add to the ongoing revitalization efforts in a distressed part of Downtown Cincinnati, protecting several recent investments:
 - New Kroger store
 - Court Street Condos
 - W. Court Businesses (e.g., Queen City Exchange, Court Street Lobster Bar)
 - Future development of 3CDC land banked properties
- Reinvest in one of the CBD's largest employment centers







COURT STREET

TWO-WAY MODIFICATIONS

• Note: 3CDC and City of Cincinnati contributed \$25,000 each for the Task Force, in order to hire third-party consultants















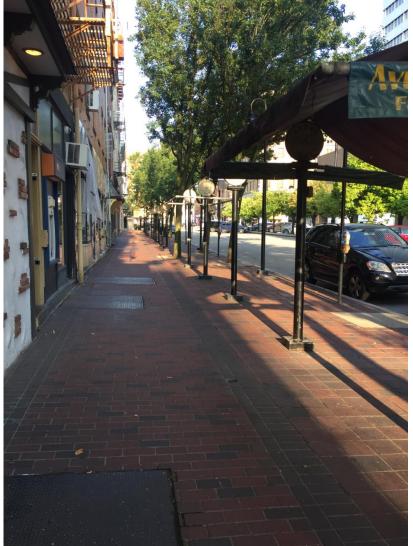










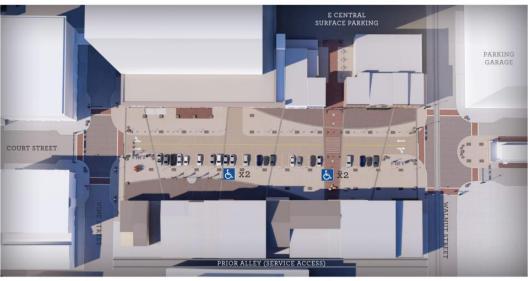






STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- Conducted surveys and small group interviews with users, property owners and other stakeholders
- 3CDC and Kroger presented current and future projects that would impact Court Street
- Human Nature (design consultant) conducted five Task Force meetings to receive stakeholders' feedback as the concept design progressed
- Initial Concepts presented ranged from full pedestrian plaza (no vehicular access) to a scaled down vehicular framework as illustrated



Framework



Site Plan



KEY FEATURES

- Widening pedestrian sidewalk to increase area for outdoor dining, events and programing
 - North sidewalk: expanding from 13' to 37'
 - South sidewalk : expanding from 20' to 45'
- New hardscape with landscaping features
- Public artwork
- Maintains one lane of traffic traveling both East and West
- Maintains short-term metered parking for businesses
- Creates connection between CBD and OTR











COURT & VINE







COURT AND WALNUT





SEATING GROVE AT COURT AND WALNUT





ICONIC FEATURE





PARKING OVERVIEW

PARKING GARAGE (NEW)
SURFACE PARKING
PRIVATELY OWNED SURFACE PARKING

576 TOTAL PUBLIC PARKING SPACES





CURRENT PARKING	Spaces
E Court St (Main-Walnut)	54
E Court St (Walnut-Vine)	67
W Court Street (Vine-Race)	22
Total	143

FUTURE PARKING	Spaces
Court & Walnut Garage	309
35 E Central Pkwy Lot	36
E Court St (Main-Walnut)	54
E Court St (Walnut-Vine)*	30
W Court St (Vine-Race)	35
Total	464

^{*}New perpendicular parking spaces as part of pedestrianization plan

COURT & WALNUT GARAGE	Spaces
Total Spaces	560
Kroger Customers	-139
Residential Spaces*	-112
Remaining	309

^{*}Expected 80% of the 139 residential spaces will be filled



Court & Walnut Garage

- Daily Rates
 - 0-9 min. FREE
 - 10-59 min. \$2
 - 1-2 hours \$5
 - 2-3 hours \$7
 - 3-4 hours \$9
 - 4-5 hours \$11
 - 5-6 hours \$13
 - 6-7 hours \$15
 - 7-24 hours \$17
- Monthly passes: \$150
- Weekday evenings after 4pm:
 - \$4 flat rate (max 8 hours)
- Weekend (Saturday and Sunday):
 - \$4 flat rate (max 8 hours)

35 E Central Pkwy Lot

- Daily Rates
 - 0-1 hours \$1.00
 - 1-2 hours \$4.00
 - 2-12 hours 10.00
 - All day \$12.00

Court Street Meters

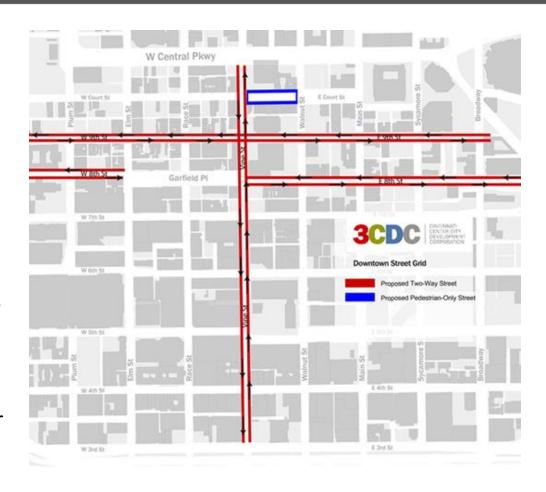
- Hourly Rates
 - \$2.75/hour
 - 2-hour max



TWO-WAY STREET MODIFICATIONS PROCESS

EVALUTATION PROCESS

- Hired third-party traffic engineering firm to assess current conditions, run traffic model to modify traffic direction and analyze results
- Final report issued by consultant, based on overall findings, stated that converting streets has potential to be implemented
- Further analysis is needed to study the costs and mitigating measures for minor traffic impacts of street conversions identified in initial study



TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS



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- A portion of the existing meters to be modified to 30-minute or 1-hour limits; analyze results on available parking for Court Street customers before proceeding
 - Request: DOTE and DCED aid in making hourly limits and new signage for existing meters
- Acquire additional funding to progress design through schematic design drawings and prepare construction cost estimate based on the drawings
 - Request: \$125,000 for schematic design drawings and estimating services

TWO-WAY STREET MODIFICATIONS

- Acquire additional funding to advance traffic studies and construction documents through schematic design drawings, and prepare construction cost estimate based on the drawings
 - Request: \$50,000 for additional analysis and pricing documents